

# Appeal/Waiver Request

CC Docket # 02-6

Applicant Name: **DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX**

Entity Number: **139233**

Funding Year: 2017-2018

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Appellant Name: Hank Lawrence  
Applicant Name: DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX  
BEN: 139233  
Application #: 171048831

“Funding Year 2017 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of window Letter”

**This is a request for a Waiver/Appeal of the Filing Window for  
DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX**

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## Waiver/Appeal Request:

**Funding Year 2017 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of window Letter**

Form 471 Information: **171048831**

Funding Request Number(s):

**FRN: 1799111580**

**TOTAL Dollar Amount Requested:**

**\$384,413.44**

**Certification Date: 05/12/2017 00:17 AM EDT**

## Reason for Denial:

Funding Year 2017 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window

**Rationale for Request:**

Due to significant flooding in Louisiana the District was unable to begin the Procurement process until March 2017. During the this event significant changes were made to the entity profile in the Schools and Libraries Portal by U.S.A.C. which disabled much of the districts access and deleted data. In addition when the profile was finally corrected enough to file the form 471, the system timed out and denied access to authorized users several times. The application was finally certified 17 minutes after 11:00 CDT (12:00 EDT)

**Circumstances to Consider**

- o Form 471 171048831 was certified on May 12, 2017 00:17 EDT

**Past FCC Ruling**

FCC

DA 12-1469

September 14, 2012

The Order and Order on Reconsideration reviewed 39 requests from petitioners seeking review of decisions made by USAC under the eRate program. These petitioners were seeking waivers on the Form 471 filing window deadline.

The requests were granted for those schools within 14 days after the filing window deadline.

Justification was cited on past FCC Rules specifically File Nos. SLD-487009, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256 (2010) (Academy of Math and Science Order) (finding special circumstances exist to justify granting waiver requests where, for example, petitioners filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days after the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline or filed their Form 471 on time, but failed to timely file their certifications); Also, the following order or docket #: CC Docket NO. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC red 354.

**Form 471s and Associated:**

**471: 171048831:**

**FRN: 17999911580 Category 2 Services**

This request is made on behalf of the Billed Entity for a Waiver/appeal to be granted. By granting this Waiver/Appeal, USAC could be directed to review DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX application for funding during the Funding Year 2017.

Your favorable consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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